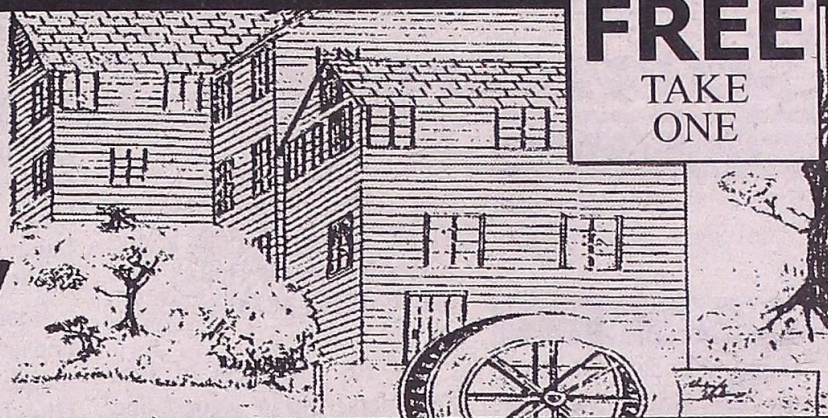


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THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2002

Treasurer Justifies Florida Trip

Up to \$20,000 Approved to Fund "Planning Day"

BY MARGARET O'KELLEY

At the June 25th Township Board meeting, the Treasurer had himself placed on the agenda to provide the Board with a description of their trip to Florida and his interpretation of New Urbanism.

He began his presentation by using the different names ascribed to the development program. He called it Smart Growth, New Urbanism, Traditional Neighborhood Development; and said it was not a new phenomenon. He said it had tremendous potential for Huron Township.

He confirmed that Supervisor Mitchell, Clerk Bowers and he went to Florida to attend a conference on New Urbanism. He said that Mitchell and he went for the full week and Bowers joined them mid-week. He confirmed the word "junket" was a proper term to use to describe the trip (this is the term *The Weekly* used).

He said that during the week that he was in Florida he traveled 900 miles in 2-1/2 days and visited seven different developments. He advised that

he spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday in seminars. He said Huron Township had three representatives which was larger than any other community that was represented there.

According to him, New Urbanism offered several things. It offered community interaction, affordable housing, preservation of natural resources such as green spaces, and provided building blocks for community redevelopment. He said the concept places community value above property value and the community good above the private good.

He emphasized the word "smart" in growth and suggested the opposite of smart was "dumb" growth. According to him, the program supported controlling density, controlling growth and urban sprawl and providing affordable housing.

He concluded his lengthy remarks by saying that it might be time to stop the 55-60-80-90-acre developments. He suggested that we should put on the brakes and look at other ways to proceed and he promised more information was coming.

After concluding his remarks, he made a motion to have a "Planning Day" and to spend up to \$20,000 to finance it. It was at this point that Trustee O'Kelley said "holy smoke."

The Treasurer then said that the Supervisor, the Clerk, and he had been working on this idea and suggested August 17th as the day of the Planning Day.

He mentioned several names from all over the United States; one local representative from Monroe who would be invited to attend. He said these were professionals who did this for a living.

He went on to say this was a small price to pay in contrast to doing things the wrong way. He suggested the cost was price of an automobile.

He said the meeting should be mandatory for all Board members, the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He said all the people that serve on Township boards and committees should attend along with the citizens. He said he hoped that between 200-300 people attend.

Clerk Bowers expressed her support for the Planning Day by supporting the motion to spend up to \$20,000. She said she viewed the planning day as a community project and compared it to the community meeting that was held when the new Master Plan was started.

Trustee Carey said she was sorry she was unable to go on the Florida trip but said it was worth the time and expense.

Supervisor Mitchell also supported the spending of \$20,000 by saying that we were one of the fastest growing communities in the area and he was concerned about affordable housing.

He went on to say that he is not sure he was supportive of a plan for the entire Township but perhaps for

part of it. He expressed concern over one-acre lots and said there could be future infrastructure problems with one-acre developments.

Trustee Adkins suggested that the Board delay a decision until the new Zoning and Planning Director was on board. In response, Treasurer Skrzycki told the Board that he had been in contact with Mr. Kirtland on a constant basis since his interview. He even mentioned that he spoke to him while he (Skrzycki) was in Florida.

Both Trustee Adkins and O'Kelley thought this was odd because he was only an interviewed candidate at the time. Both asked Skrzycki if he had talked to the other candidate. He said he had tried a few times but had no communication with her since the interview. O'Kelley asked if he had written her and he advised he had not.

During the Trustee's report, O'Kelley used his time to counter the representations made by the supporters of New Urbanism and he questioned the spending of \$20,000 and the need to travel to Florida when local examples exist.

He said New Urbanism/Smart Growth was not smart for Huron Township. He said Huron was not an urban community and that the program had little application to our Township.

He said the community was going to be hearing a lot about slow growth/controlled growth

from those that support New Urbanism and he said it was a misrepresentation of what New Urbanism was.

He said there would be some Board members who will try to justify the expense by relating it to Huron Township and he urged the citizens to be cautious about those representations. He emphasized the program was not about slow growth or controlled growth. He said the program as it could apply to Huron Township was not worth a trip to Florida or \$20,000.

He said that whatever basic problems Huron Township has can be corrected by slow growth, controlled growth, quality growth, and finding ways to generate financial resources complementing our rural/recreational community.

He added that he hoped the Planning commission would have enough sense to reject it and save the Township considerable money and time.

Trustee Adkins urged the citizens to attend the scheduled August 17th meeting and voiced her support for our rural community. Earlier in the meeting she advised a citizen that smart growth was about small lots, not rural.

Editors Note: *The Huron River Weekly* considers this new effort by some Board members to be an important topic and we will cover it in great detail. We are in the process of visiting some of the local examples of this development philosophy and we will report on our findings.

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Community Calendar

Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

Monthly Meetings

Second Sunday of each month Open House at the Flat Rock Historical Museum from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monroe County Mothers of Multiples, P.O. Box 207, Carleton, MI, holds a Multiple Birth Support Group offering education, assistance and encouragement on the third Monday of each month at Mercy Memorial Hospital. For more information call Lisa Lothringer at (734) 654-9263.

Waltz Improvement Association meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. on park grounds in Waltz. New members are welcome.

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings on first Thurs. of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for info.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meets second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. Child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation for mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. 783-3669.

The Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters will meet on May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High School, Room 134. Call 654-3781 for info.

Southwest Wayne County Democratic Club meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville, at 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7:30 at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Library.

Historical Society meets the third Thurs. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs. of each month at

the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall. For information call 734-782-9784.

The VFW Post 6040 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wed. of each month at the American Legion Hall in New Boston.

Senior Citizens

Huron Township Senior Citizens are now meeting at the newly renovated Emil A. Krzyske Senior Center on Mineral Springs in Waltz.

Meetings are first Tuesday of each month at noon. Helen Mates will be serving as President of the united groups.

The Senior Citizens van is available for doctor visits, shopping, etc. Please call Senior Director Pam at 654-9281.

Check with the Senior Director for Trips scheduled one day to a week. Senior Director's hours Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

Congregate Meals or Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal every day at 11:30 a.m. at the Center. Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors. Bernice Hearn serves as director of the Meals on Wheels Program. For information call 654-4549. Flat Rock residents welcome!

Quilting Mondays at 10 a.m., Crafts Tuesdays 1 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner third Thursday at 4 p.m.

Pinochle every Monday 12:30 p.m.

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Shopping at Meijer's every Thursday. Leave Senior Center at 12:30 p.m.

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Ben: 734-782-0008

Pre-registration deadline July 10th.

Huron Firefighters Need Your Help!

Submitted by the Huron Township Fire Department:

The Huron Township Fire Department has been providing assistance to our citizens for over 50 years. Although the names and faces have changed through the years, the dedication to the community by these special individuals has not. Currently, the Huron Fire Department is comprised of 40 dedicated men and women "volunteers" or "paid call" personnel who are on

alert 24/7. When the call for assistance is received, they drop what they are doing and respond and try to make a difference in someone's life. Their personal lives have been disrupted during holidays, children's birthdays, parties, weddings, meetings, and special occasions, etc. They may be called at any time for a house fire, a traffic accident, a medical emergency, a hazardous materials incident, a missing child, or a

terrorism incident. When you call 911, they come. Firefighters still make house calls.

On August 6th, 2002, the citizens of Huron Township will go to the polls and exercise their right to vote. This vote will decide important issues at the state, county and local levels. One of the most important issues at the local level is the Huron Township Fire Department operating millage **renewal**. The Fire

Department 10-year 2.0051 operating millage was passed by voters in 1993 and is expiring in 2003. This millage **renewal** will enable the Fire Department to continue to provide the level of EMS and fire service the community has come to expect and demand. **The Fire Department 2.0051 millage is not an additional tax — it is a renewal.**

The Huron Township Fire Department receives no

funds from the Huron Township General Fund. All Fire Department operations and maintenance costs are paid for from the funds generated by the fire department millage. All funds generated by the past millage, or by any **renewal** of the existing millage, cannot, by law, be diverted to any other department or building fund; they must, and will, be used only for operation and maintenance of the fire department.

Richard J. Zavodsky Thanks Huron Residents and Voters for Their Vote of Confidence

To the Huron Township residents and voters:

Thank you for your vote of confidence in the recent election. I appreciate your support.

When I first took office 12 years ago, the school system was in need of many items. Some of these items were:

The district was approximately \$3 million in debt. The State was threatening to take over the district. The students did not have books—many used copies of books. Academic achievement was low.

The sports program was in disarray. Public distrust of the school system was high.

The school buildings,

roofs, and grounds needed repair. Employee morale was low. Teachers were laid off annually. The superintendent was not liked nor trusted and much more.

Now 12 years later, we have reversed these negative trends. Teachers have not been laid off in 12 years. The debt has been eliminated. We have new books in the classrooms. We have math, science, and reading curriculums. Academic achievement is up (science fair winners, higher MEAP scores, and more).

The Senior class earned \$467,000 in scholarships. Sunnyside University is a reality and a state-admired success.

The sports program is tak-

ing shape with positive results (championships in swimming and softball, football participation is up, a weight room is a reality, grades and participation are linked).

The public's trust is renewed with a new belief in our schools. Students from other schools are requesting to

come to Huron schools. All schools have new roofs.

Brown elementary is being expanded and rebuilt as promised. The buildings and grounds are improved.

Employee morale is high. The superintendent is one who is personable and approachable. And much more

positive news.

The is only a partial list that with your continued help and support will allow Huron schools to continue to grow, prosper, and excel.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of these tremendous changes.

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Six-time platinum rock-blues group Blues Traveler will appear at MGM Grand Detroit on Sunday, July 14.

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July 14 - Blues Traveler
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Aug. 25 - Smokey Robinson
Sept. 1 - To be announced.



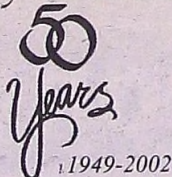
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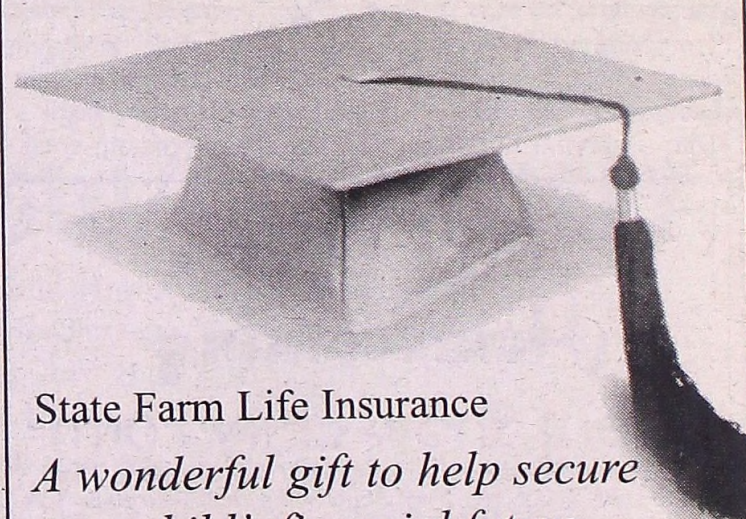
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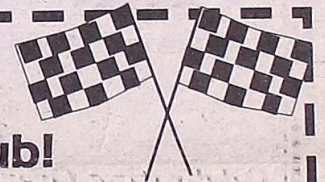
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Leo July 24 - Aug 23

Travel here, travel there. Just know which road leads home Fortune not found in 8-ball or standing behind it. Cue is to be ready when unknown car enters driveway - visit with those you love. 2792

Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 23

Feeling nervous? Keep head above water but don't bring down others for the count. Brain cells remain important part of life. Best not to abuse by thinking fruitless thoughts. Drink water. 3890

Libra Sept 24 - Oct 23

Bodily aches come and go. Time to see doctor, or favorite medicine man? Things learned in back room need to stay there. Small child looks up to you for guidance. Be up to the task. 5123

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Back and forth, to and fro, never a moment to stand still. Neighbors complain of buildin project but carry on with full force. Local township meeting goes as planned, but for who? 5902

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

Once given you can't take it away. Think before you send it out the door. Fourteen items appear but their use is not know. Do not throw away. Grown child acts like baby. Be prepared. 7832

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

Working day in and day out. Don't be caught not. One who drives red car may be tailing you. Sunshine may be dangerous. Enjoy while you can. Return items to store and collect. 4890

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

See details clearly before jumping to conclusions. Wool may be pulled over your eyes. Several people sing the blues but no one knows why better than you. Children are too many. 4902

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Left is right and right is left. Only you know that. See positive in wrongful events and help others through the rough times. Take time to celebrate with children. Enjoy vacation. 2070

Aries Mar 21 - April 20

Fishing used to be great but need to travel north for safety. Clues to major event come to light thru unusual source. Authorities laugh at you but stand steady for those you love. All comes to light. 3801

Horoscope



William Grover

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Only a smile? Others see it as a grin. One below you needs to control temper. Wasted time crying will only leave you in the dark with swollen eyes. Back to basics but too late for this year. 2906

Gemini May 22 - June 21

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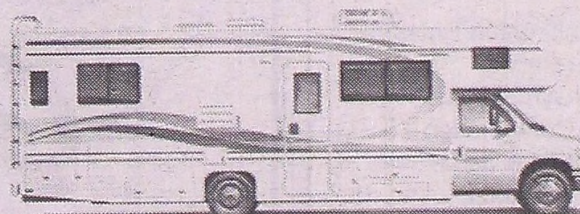
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Mr. McBain resided in Flat Rock, Michigan. His wife, Dorothy Sue McBain, preceded him death, as well as his two brothers, Jerry and Michael McBain. He is survived by his sisters, Marguerite Lefebvre and Mrs. Kathleen (Roy) Cannon; his

daughter, Mrs. Jacqueline (Robert) Cunningham, Jr., and a grandson, Therle (Marisa) Dregansky III.

Mr. McBain was a member of Myrtle Lodge in Belleville and a member of the VFW Flat Rock Post.

Funeral Services were held at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus, June 30, 2002 with

Father Alexander Wytrowski from St. Stephens Catholic Church in attendance. Interment: Tri-County Cremation Service in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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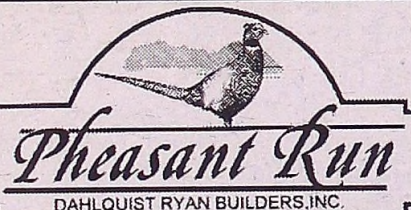
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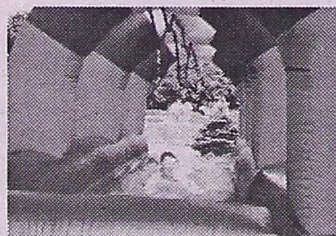
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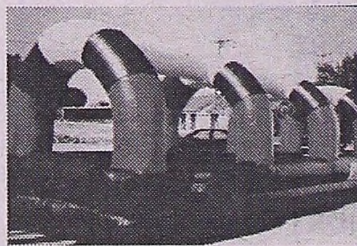
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